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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Requested Cambodian Negotiations Analysis

1. On 16 July, Mr. Eagleburger asked us to prepare some background material for possible use in connection with your upcoming trip to Peking. In essence, as we understood it, he asked for three papers. Two of these (biographic sketches on Cambodian figures whom you might encounter or who might be discussed during your visit and a current assessment of factions within the Khmer insurgent movement) were forwarded to you on 20 July. Attached hereto are five copies of the third: an analysis of considerations and options relating to possible negotiations on Cambodia.

2. As you will recall, our 28 June memorandum ("Cambodian Suggestions") outlined two alternative negotiating approaches, presenting the case for (and against) each: Track A, encouraging the Phnom Penh government to make overtures to Sihanouk, with the U.S. (for the time being) refraining from making any such overtures on its own; and Track B, a direct U.S. approach to Sihanouk. The attached note does not re-address or re-outline that debate. Instead, it presupposes a decision in favor of Track B.

3. At this writing, you and your staff are the only recipients of the attached memorandum. We will make no further distribution of it unless or until you so direct.

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Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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Attachment

